to the Government. Crop yields are influenced by a large number of factors like input use, irrigation/rainfall, farm management practices and weather conditions etc.

The Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 provides that only such fertilizer which meets the quality standards as laid down in the Order is sold to the farmers. Similarly, the quality and sale of pesticides and insecticides are regulated under the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968. The State/UT Governments are the enforcement agencies and are adequately empowered to take appropriate action under the provisions of the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 and Insecticide Act, 1968. The State Government have set up testing laboratories and also inspection agencies to check up the quality of these inputs from time to time.

New Agriculture Policy

1266. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's new agriculture policy has so far been formulated/approved by Union Cabinet;

(b) if so, what are its salient features and by when it is likely to be placed before Parliament;

(c) whether Government's new policy also aims at developing India's export potential in agriculture as well as forty per cent growth in farm output, by improving post harvest technology; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) National Agriculture Policy has been placed on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 2000.

Financial Assistance Sought by Orissa

1267. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the drainage problem in Orissa due to flood and heavy rain in coastal Orissa and particularly in Bhadrak and Balasore districts;

(b) whether the State Government had sought Central help in 1999-2000 and also during the current financial year for getting the World Bank loan to tackle the problem;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to help the Government of Orissa in the matter; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Orissa is reported to have submitted the proposals in this regard to the Ministry of Water Resources.

(c) and (d) For mitigation of natural calamities including floods, Central share of Rs. 42.50 crore was released to Orissa during 1999-2000 under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and Rs. 828.15 crore was released to the State during 1999-2000 under National Fund for Calamity Relief in the wake of floods and cyclones, For 2000-01, Central share of Rs. 30.70 crore has been released under CRF.

National Pulses Development Project

1268. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Pulses Development Project is being implemented in every State;

(b) if so, the fund allocation made to the State of Orissa for the development of pulses during last three years; and

(c) the various steps taken during these years for development made thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir. National Pulses Development Project is being implemented in 25 States and 2 Union Territories.

(b) The fund allocated to the Government of Orissa during the last three years is given below: